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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 17, 2006 and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, entry of the following amendment and remarks into the file of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Also submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination, which includes a Petition for extension of time for three months from October 17, 2006 to and including January 17, 2007 and the provision for payment of required fees.

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**Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.**

**Conclusion begins on page 6 of this paper.**

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